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Your Confirmation No. 5398  
Notice of Informal Application

I am a little confused with your 'Notice of Informal Application' dated 10/08/2004;

1. I cannot find the 'period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment' in the accompanying Office action.
2. As the application is being considered as informal does the 'Early Publication Request' now fall away? If this is the case, do I still need to pay the \$300 fee?
3. If I do not pay the \$300 fee, will my application be 'abandoned'?

I am not really sure what 'early publication' means and I don't think it is necessary in my case.

Please advise me accordingly.

Sincerely,

Richard Wilfred Wright

Enclosure: Copy of Notice of Informal Application.



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## NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

This application is considered to be informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. The period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

#### **Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:**

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- Early Pre-grant Publication has been requested, however the early Pre-GRANT Publication Fee of \$300 as 37 CFR 1.18(d) has not been paid. The application will be published as per the normal publication schedule.

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